

Association of Ohio Recyclers Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 21, 2019

Location: conference call

Attending were: Matthew Hittle, John Woodman, Michael Darling, Abby Anderson, Carol Giulitto, Maria Ortiz, Tony Gillund, Lauren Karch, Taylor Greely, and Tiffany Barker.

Call to Order: John called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Minutes for the April 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Maria moved to approve the April 16, 2019 meeting minutes. Carol seconded the motion. Minutes were approved on voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report for the previous month was presented by Maria and discussed. A motion to approve the treasurer's report for February was made by Matt. Taylor seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved by voice vote.

Action Items from last month's meeting:

John:

- Confirm whether Tim would still like to serve on board – he has health issues. He will call. Note: Tim Kimmel officially resigned from the board on 5/24/19.

Lauren

- Check status of Wix renewal – done

Molly:

- Prepare Newsletter and membership survey. Look into potential events/tours. – these need to be done. Molly indicated she will have time after June 1st.

Maria:

- Check with Kathleen Rocco that appropriate members of AOR have permission to view the 2019 Partners' conference folder on Google docs – they are shared, but it was noted that MaryEllen is still identified as the owner.

Tony agreed to take the action items for today's meeting.

Board Recruitment

It was mentioned that everyone should keep in mind the open board positions. There was some discussion about potential people/organizations to recruit.

Committee Updates

Governance Committee – It was related that the proposed \$0.25 increase to the state disposal fee to fund Soil and Water Conservation Districts has not left committee. There have been rumors that the fee increase could be seen a version of the budget bill.

Communications and Programming – The newsletter should be completed after June 1st (per Molly's email). A membership survey should be completed soon as well.

There was further discussion about the potential tour(s) to take place during the July 16th meeting. John is going to check with Goodwill/Easter Seals and Taylor was to reach out to contacts at Anheuser Busch [action items].

Events – There was discussion about the registration process for the Partner's conference. The payments get processed by Carol through the PayPal account. There were also clarifications made concerning he sponsorship portal on the webpage. The recruiting efforts for sponsorship were reviewed as well.

Strategic Planning – There was discussion about new member recruitment. The strategic planning committee needs to set up a conference call to discuss this [action item].

Finance – The payment for the PO Box was discussed (payment is due by the end of the month).

New Business

It was related that there was money approved in the 2019 budget for someone to attend the Resource Recycling conference August 26-28 in New Orleans. Matt was awarded a scholarship and will be attending using those funds.

John opened the floor for "round table" updates from board members. He indicated that Montgomery County SWMD is contributing to the efforts through The Recycling Partnership's contamination program – Centerville is one of the cities participating. The initial recycling sort took place earlier in the week. He also related that a horizontal grinder was recently purchased using grant funds. Primarily, pallets are being processed, mixed with green waste and then sold to a compost facility.

Taylor also referenced the contamination project's activity to take place in Columbus and Matt provided updates on the data being put out by Ohio EPA for SMWD's to include in their ADRs. Tony provided information on a number of activities taking place at The Ohio State University. Projects included a material handling study, use of black fly soldier larvae for organics, and contamination messaging strategies for the student population.

Next Meeting: June 18, 2019 at GT Environmental.

Adjourned at 11:52 pm.

Submitted by Matthew Hittle, Secretary, Association of Ohio Recyclers